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Federal Communications Commission
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WT 11-65: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As an elected County Judge in Arkansas, I have a vested interest in seeing efficient lines of communication that will benefit our law enforcement, emergency services, educational system, business activity, and strength as a county. For that reason, I strongly support universal wireless broadband and the many advantages it will bring to my state and county.

As you are aware, there will be many effects and impacts that will come as a result of the AT&T/T-Mobile merger. I believe that this will ultimately be a beneficial business transaction for Arkansas and I believe that the FCC should approve this merger.

My rural area of Arkansas is sparsely populated and mostly rural. There are many benefits to living here and I would not have it any other way. The Ozark National Forest that covers the north end of my county attracts tourists interested in outdoor activities and Arkansas' distinct beauty. The commuters, ranchers, and timber workers who are my constituents would also significantly benefit from a new and expanded AT&T. Providing mobile broadband to these sectors of society is essential for our economic growth and sustainability.

As a result of this merger, AT&T's 4G LTE will improve education by opening doors to distant learning tools and innovative teaching practices. Adults could also use this modern technology to gain new skills or access high-tech employment opportunities. Additionally, government services such as law enforcement and emergency technicians could communicate faster with a more reliable broadband network.

I see no disadvantages of this merger and I urge your approval for the rural people of Arkansas.
Sincerely,

MIKE JACOBS
JOHNSON COUNTY JUDGE